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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO
OFFICE ACTIONHon. Commissioner of Patents
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Washington, D.C. 20231

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed May 4, 2004, please amend claims 23, 33 and 38
as follows: